AH, THANKS FOR COMING ALL THE WAY HERE
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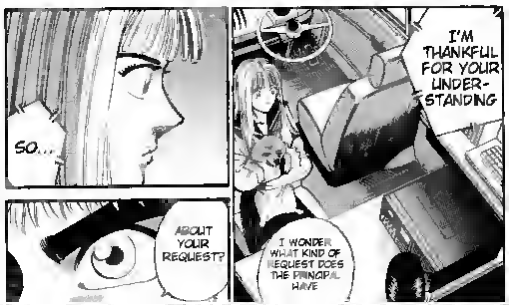
NO, NO, IT MUST BE PRETTY HARD FOR THE PRINCIPAL OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL TO MEET WITH 'PEEPERS' LIKE US


SO...
I'M THANKFUL FOR YOUR UNDER-STANDING
ABOUT YOUR REQUEST?
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF REQUEST DOES THE PRINCIPAL HAVE

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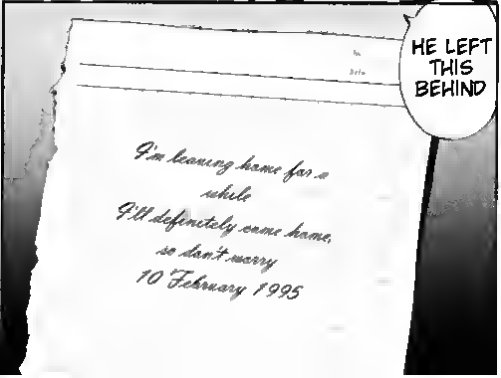

A RUNAWAY NOTE... HUH...
GO AHEAD, GO AHEAD, THOUGH I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BUT VANILLA HERE THOUGH
YEAH, AFTER HE RAN AWAY I HAVE ICE CREAM AS MY DAILY ROUTINE
THANKS FOR THE MEAL
YE... YEAH...

HE'S MY STUDENT, AND HE'S ALSO MY SON
MUSASHIDAI PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS 2-C TERAKADO TAKESHI,
NO, ON THAT I'M TOTALLY LOST
MIGHT YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE REASON MIGHT BE?
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T GET PLEASE ASK ME
WHATEVER I DO KNOW IT'S IN THAT REPORT

HE'S A GOOD STUDENT, WELL LOVED BY HIS PEERS
HE'S THE STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT HERE AT OUR SCHOOL, HIS GRADES ARE GREAT
HEY KEN!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD BE REQUESTING TO US WITH A SMILE
I'M ALSO BUSY AT WORK, SO I DON'T SPEND A LOT OF TIME BY HIS SIDE. WELL, I'M EMBARRASSED BY IT, BUT I'M A PARENT WHO KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT HIS OWN CHILD.
ALTHOUGH HE DOESN'T HAVE A MOTHER
THAT IS CORRECT
FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTE, IT HAD BEEN EIGHT DAYS SINCE HE RAN AWAY, CORRECT?
THOUGH HE SAID HE'S PREPARING FOR THE SEMESTER EXAM
I THOUGHT HE WOULD COME HOME
NO, NO
THERE'S THE POLICE TO BE CONCERNED OF, AND THERE'S A LIMIT TO THEIR FUNDS, IT'S HARD FOR A 17 YEARS OLD TO FIND A PLACE TO STAY
FOR A 17 YEARS OLD TO DISAPPEAR FOR EIGHT DAYS IS UNEXPECTEDLY DIFFICULT

YOUR SON HAD LEFT BEHIND A NOTE TO AVOID A POLICE INVESTIGATION, IT'S EVIDENT OF HIS QUICK THINKING AND INTELLECT
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT A MINOR LIKE HIM MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN SOME SORT OF INCIDENT BUT...
JUST WITH THAT IT'D BE DIFFICULT TO FIND HIM
IT SEEMED LIKE A WELL-THOUGHT OF RUNAWAY
HE'S CERTANLY A MODEL STUDENT
AA AAH
AH.
THAT'S DIFFICULT
!!
THERE'S A LETTER
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT MIGHT GIVE US A LEAD?

HE DID WRITE THEM, MANY OF THEM
IN THAT LETTER, IS THERE ANY ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS ADDRESS, OR PHONE NUMBERS?
I
HO OH---
IF WE ASK AROUND THOSE ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS THERE WOULD BE SOMETHING THERE
SIR, THIS MIGHT BE UNEXPECTEDLY QUICK TO SOLVE
IT'D BE TROUBLE IF YOU TALK TO OR CALL THE PEOPLE WRITTEN IN THIS LETTER
YOU MAY NOT
MAY WE SEE IT FOR A MINUTE?
EH?

IS IT NOT POSSIBLE TO SOMEHOW FIND HIM WITH JUST THAT PHOTO AND REPORT?
THAT IS SOME-WHAT...
SIR, IF A 17 YEARS OLD IS TO SPEND DAYS ALONE, HE WOULD QUICKLY FEEL LONELY
THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND TAKESHI IS THROUGH THAT NOTE
IF THEY FIND OUT THE PRINCIPALS SON HAD GONE MISSING IT WOULD CAUSE A HUGE SCANDAL,
THE PTA, AS WELL AS THE CHAIRMAN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP QUIET, AND YOU'D BE DISCHARGED HUH?

WHAT'S THE EXCUSE GIVEN FOR YOUR SON NOT BEING IN SCHOOL PRESENTLY?
THAT KIND OF BLUFF WOULD LAST AT MOST ONE MONTH...
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME
THAT HE HAD BEEN HOSPITALISED WITH A LIGHT INFECTIOUS DISEASE, NO FIXED DISCHARGE DATE, NO VISITORS
I'LL DOUBLE THE PAY-MENT
IF YOU'D REALLY LIKE TO FIND HIM THEN...
HOW-EVER...
TO FIND HIM WITHOUT BEING FOUND OUT, WE GENERALLY JUST HAVE THIS ONE PHONE TO LOOK FOR HIM BY

WE REFUSE
WE DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE WE'D BE ABLE TO FIND HIM IN THESE CONDITIONS
ANYHOW AT THE SOURCE OF THIS,
SO THEN, THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DISCUSS HERE TODAY
THAT'S TRUE --- IT'D BE HARD WITH JUST A PHOTO
WHAT A DISAGREEABLE GUY
I SEE, OTHER INVESTIGATORS HAD SAID THE SAME THING TOO, BUT I THOUGHT PEEPERS WOULD BE DIFFERENT.

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WE'LL DO IT
HEY KEN, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
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I'LL DO IT PROTECTING YOUR HOUSEHOLD REPUTATION
REALLY !?
MY MY, THANK YOU, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
I'M IN YOUR CARE!
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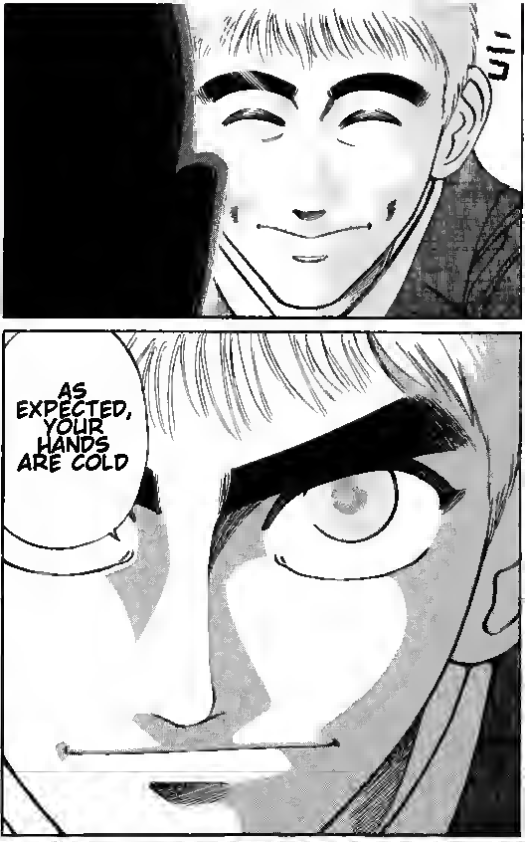
AS EXPECTED, YOUR HANDS ARE COLD

STOP DECIDING THIS ON YOUR OWN!!
in
WE TAKE JOBS BASED ON SUCCESS RATES,
IF WE CAN'T FIND HIM WE'LL JUST BE MOVING POINTLESSLY. WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!!
FINDING SOMEONE WITH THIS KIND OF CONDITION TAKES TIME
!?
WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING, THIS IS USUALLY THE KIND OF JOB YOU TURN DOWN
I CAN FIND HIM, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, THERE'S STILL DOUBLE THE PAYMENT, I'D FIND HIM!!
SO NOISY~~

THE REASON WHY THAT OLD MAN'S SON DISAPPEARED... WHAT ELSE BESIDES PEEKING INTO THAT?
HE SNAP-PED
HAVING THAT PRINCIPAL AS HIS OLD MAN, HE HAD TO BE A MODEL STUDENT SON, OVERWHELMED BY THAT EVERYDAY PRESSURE TILL HE SNAPPED, HE RAN AWAY
!?
IT'S NOT JUST THAT
I'M INTER-ESTED IN FINDING THAT OUT
WHY WOULD HE KEEP PUSHING HIMSELF TILL HE SNAPPED PROTECTING HIS DAD'S REPUTATION?
IF IT'S JUST THE PRESSURE, THERE'S NO NEED TO MIND HIS OLD MAN AND JUST LIVE LIKE HE WANTS

I'LL DO IT!!
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WE CAN'T KEEP PUTTING UP WITH YOUR WHIMS!! WE'LL BE TAKING ON A DIFFERENT JOB
DO IT BY YOURSELF THEN!!
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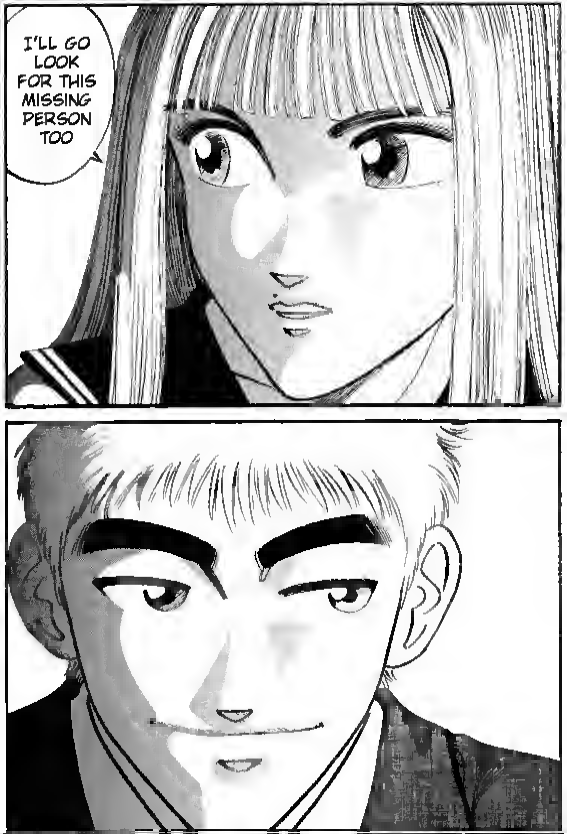
I'LL GO LOOK FOR THIS MISSING PERSON TOO

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